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## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

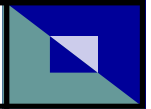


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## HISTORY

The Governor's Council on Disability traces its roots to the World War II era. In 1947, President Harry S Truman issued an Executive Order establishing the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. This Committee was created to assist disabled WW II veterans with reentry into the civilian workforce. In 1949, Missouri established the state Governor's Committee to share information about work related problems facing people with disabilities. In 1994, our statute was updated to broaden our mission beyond employment, enabling the Governor's Council on Disability to become a voice for more than one million Missourians with disabilities in all facets of life, including state government.

## MISSION

To provide leadership and support so people with disabilities achieve inclusion and independence.

## VISION

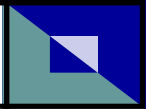
The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability will be recognized, statewide as the primary organization providing leadership to improve the lives of Missouri citizens with disabilities.

## GOALS

The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability's Strategic and Operational Plan was reviewed and updated for 2014-16 on September 19, 2014. The Goals are:

- Goal I: Advise all state agencies and advocate for policies and practices that impact Missouri citizens with disabilities.
- Goal II: Encourage system changes and public policies that eliminate barriers to people with disabilities.
- Goal III: Expand opportunities and independence for people with disabilities in all aspects of their lives.
- Goal IV: Gather input from the public on disabilities-related issues and report the results of this information.
- Goal V: Develop, explore, and implement strategies to increase resources for and the operating efficiency of the Council.

For the complete Strategic Plan, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd> and click on Strategic Plan.



## COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

- 20 members and a chairperson comprise the Council.
- Council members are appointed by the Governor.
- The appointment of the chairperson requires the advice and consent of the Missouri Senate.
- Members represent each of the nine U.S Congressional Districts.
- The majority of members are people with disabilities.
- The Governor's Council is comprised of the following committees: Executive, Advocacy, and Programs.
- The Council conducts quarterly meetings.

**James Trout**  
**Acting Chair**

1st Congressional District  
Webster Groves  
First Appointed: 3/4/09

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**Rep. Jeff Grisamore**

5th Congressional District  
Lee's Summit  
First Appointed: 5/10/10

**Derek Smith**

Member 11  
Osage Beach  
First Appointed: 3/25/10

**Joan Bergstrom**

Member 1  
Lee's Summit  
First Appointed: 7/15/08

**Ronald Hack**

Member 10  
Sunset Hills  
First Appointed: 10/2/09

**Robert Wallace**

Member 2  
St. Louis  
First Appointed: 5/10/10

**Betty Davidson**

Member 5  
St. Louis  
First Appointed: 11/16/09

**Mary Ann Harter**

Member 3  
Crestwood  
First Appointed: 11/16/09

There currently are six  
Council member vacancies.

**Charles Comstock II**

6th Congressional District  
Kirksville  
First Appointed: 7/29/10

**Todd Mayfield**

3rd Congressional District  
Jefferson City  
First Appointed: 10/9/01

**Edward Duff**

7th Congressional District  
Joplin  
First Appointed: 7/19/05

**DeAnna Noriega**

Member 7  
Fulton  
First Appointed: 10/2/09

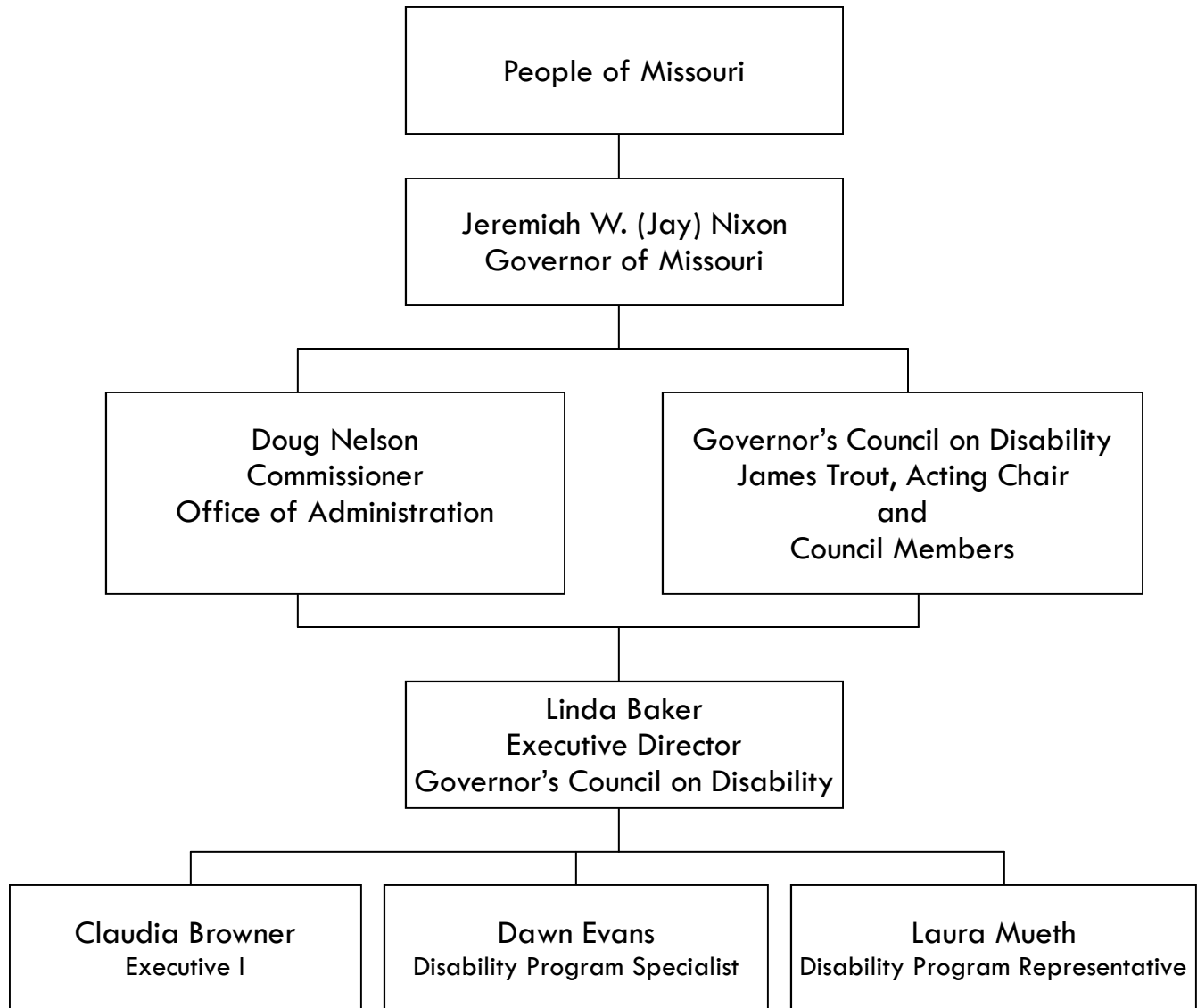
**Michael Esser**

2nd Congressional District  
Chesterfield  
First Appointed: 10/14/05

**Susan Orton**

Member 8  
Creve Coeur  
First Appointed: 7/19/05

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





## COUNCIL EVENTS 2014

### COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

- James Trout continued to serve as the Acting Chair for the Council.
- There are currently six vacancies for Council members, and the Council Chair position.
- Council member Teri Miller resigned effective August 1, 2014.

### STAFF

- There were no changes in staff during the year 2014.

### PROGRAMS

- The online Resource Directory for Missourians with Disabilities was updated and redesigned to make it more user-friendly.
- The GCD developed and maintained partnerships among the state departments. The state department liaisons are encouraged to attend the quarterly Council meetings and provide input.
- The GCD received a proclamation from Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, declaring October as Disability History Month.
- The GCD participated in stakeholder meetings to establish the Missouri Universal Design criteria for builders and developers in Missouri which are posted on GCD's website. The Missouri UD criteria was adopted by the Missouri Housing Development Commission for the QAP 2016.
- Council staff provided exhibit booths at various conferences throughout the State of Missouri to raise disability awareness and provide information on disability related programs and resources.
- Staff provided presentations on the topics of employment of people with disabilities, disability awareness, service animals, and the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum as requested by agencies and employers.
- GCD staff closely worked with Missouri Youth Leadership Forum alumni to establish the MYLIFE Alumni Foundation.
- GCD established a MO-YLF Advisory Committee to collaborate with other state agencies and stakeholders in the planning for the 2015 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum.
- GCD and Paraquad entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish Paraquad as the fiscal agent for the 2015 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum.
- The GCD continued its annual programs
  - ⇒ Legislative Education Project
  - ⇒ Missouri Youth Leadership Forum
  - ⇒ Inclusion Award
  - ⇒ Youth Leadership Award

## FINANCES

The Governor's Council on Disability's programs are primarily financed through General Revenue. This funding covers personnel costs for most Council activities. The Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 –June 30, 2015) budget is listed below:

Personnel (4 FTE):	\$168,532.00
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$ 19,029.00</u>
Total:	\$187,561.00

At the time of publication, the Council has spent \$8,125.50 in operating expenses, 43% of the FY15 budget. Expenses include supplies, travel, Council meeting expenses, professional development, and expenses for GCD programs.

The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (Forum) is a program that is **not** funded through General Revenue funds. This program is funded through a combination of private donations and grants.

In 2014, Services for Independent Living (SIL) in Columbia was the 501(C)3 fiscal agent for the Forum account. Effective December 2, 2014, the new fiscal agent for the Forum is Paraquad. The ending balance amount of \$21,888.76 will be transferred to Paraquad for deposit into the Forum account.

The following is a synopsis of the 2014 Forum budget.

Beginning balance Forum account (with SIL) January 1, 2014	\$ 16,610.80
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2014 Forum event costs:	
Supplies & Material	\$ 817.35
Marketing materials for 2015	\$ 255.86
Presenter Fees and Travel Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
Staff and Alumni Travel	\$ 396.20
Accommodations (PCAs)	\$ 450.00
Transportation/Scooter rental <sup>1</sup>	\$ 0.00
Meals (separate from MU billing)	\$ 1,717.73
United Methodist Church <sup>2</sup>	\$ 1,100.00
University of Missouri – Columbia <sup>3</sup>	\$ 12,369.90
Administrative Fee (Fiscal agent SIL)	<u>\$ 2,400.00</u>
Total Spent:	\$ 23,507.04

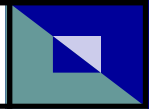
Donations/sponsorships/deposits received in 2014:	\$ 28,785.00
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Balance in SIL account (December 1, 2014)	\$ 21,888.76
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- 1- Transportation provided free of charge as an in-kind donation from Services for Independent Living in Columbia.
- 2 - Facility rental for Forum events
- 3 - Includes: Lodging, meals, banquet facilities, meeting rooms, conference center Fees.

*The average cost of the 2014 Forum was about \$1,380 per student delegate.*





## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

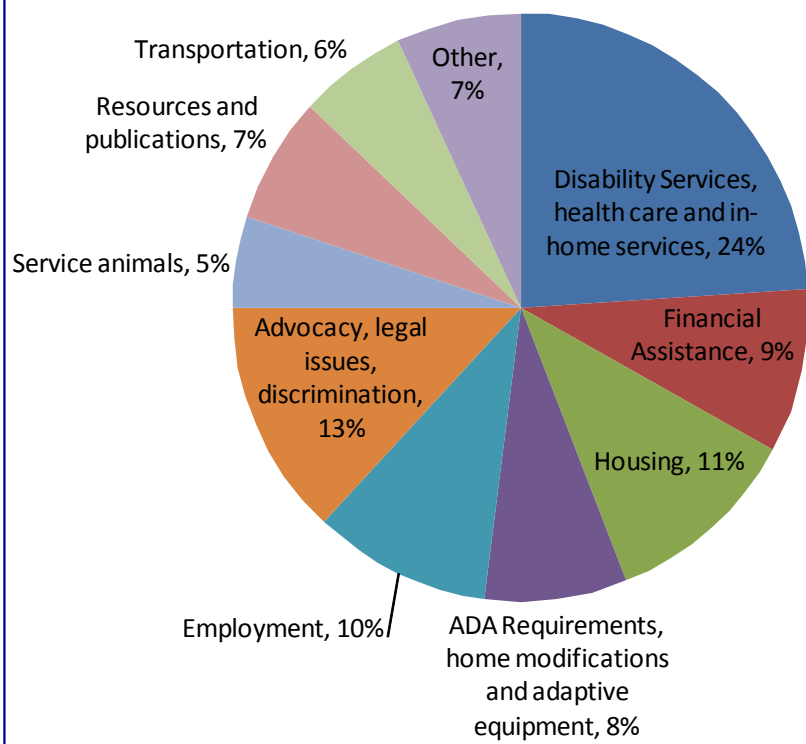
### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Governor's Council on Disability provides disability-related technical assistance to individuals, businesses, governmental and agency representatives from all over the state, and occasionally from other states, by phone, letter, or e-mail. Most contacts were from individuals in need of resources in order to live more independently. Referrals were made to Centers for Independent Living, state and federal agencies, and other non-profits, including faith-based groups and Community Action Agencies. In some instances, referrals were made to businesses or for-profit entities. The Council also worked with a number of state legislators and the Governor's Office on Constituent Affairs to provide solutions to individuals' problems and issues.

In this past year, the Council received a substantial number of calls and e-mail inquiries concerning disability services, financial assistance, housing, service animals, employment, workplace accommodations, funding for health care assistance, utility assistance, transportation, and home modifications. Other common inquiries included information on disability statistics, state statutes, ADA guidelines and regulations, Universal Design standards, accessible parking, FMLA issues, eligibility requirements for disability benefits, and questions about potential discrimination on the job, in housing or in public places. Overall, the Council assisted more than 387 different individuals with their inquiries. Additionally, the Council responded to 215 e-mail inquiries and requests. The

number of callers has increased by 15% compared to 2013, and the number of e-mail inquiries has decreased by 5%.

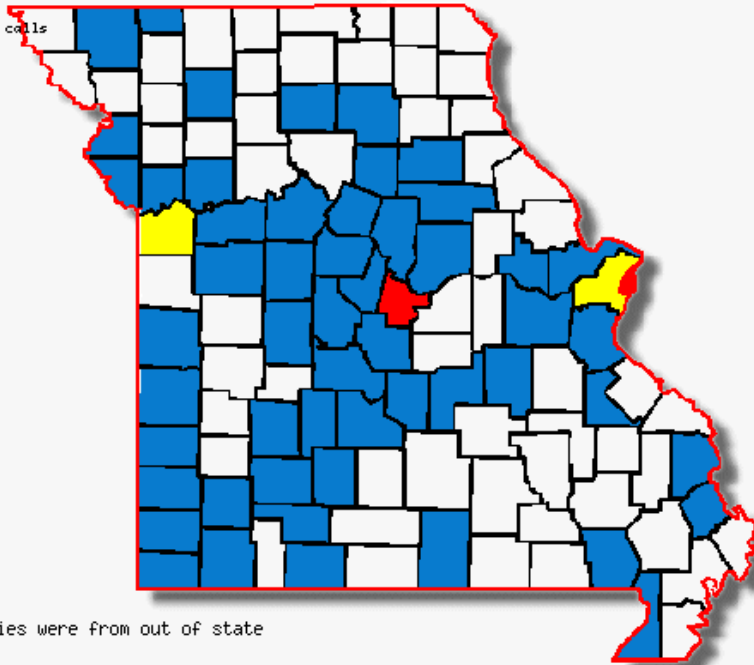
**Inquiries by topic**



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### 2014 Phone Inquiries by County

- - < 5% of calls
- - 5-10% of calls
- - > 10% of calls



#### NOTES:

6% of inquiries were from out of state

Source: diymaps.net (c)

The counties displayed on the map include the following:

#### Group I (<5% of inquiries):

Audrain, Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Christian, Clay, Cooper, Crawford, Dallas, Daviess, Dunklin, Franklin, Greene, Howard, Howell, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Linn, Macon, McDonald, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway, Pettis, Phelps, Platte, Polk, Pulaski, Randolph, Ray, Saline, Scott, St. Charles, St. Francois, Taney, Vernon, Warren, Webster, Worth

#### Group II (5-10% of inquiries):

Cole and St. Louis City

#### Group III (>10% of inquiries):

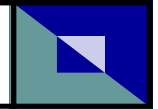
Jackson and St. Louis County

Total number of counties listed: 57

## PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE EXHIBITS

The Governor's Council on Disability provides educational programs on disability rights and disability awareness, employment of people with disabilities, service animals and other disability-related topics to any group or organization in Missouri requesting such information. Educational programs are specifically tailored to the individual or group to ensure effectiveness. At each quarterly public Council meeting, a presentation is provided on different disability-related topics.

During calendar year 2014, GCD staff developed and presented 12 programs and 17 conference and transition fair exhibits to more than 5,400 individuals around the state (see Page 16 —Outreach Activities for more details).



## PUBLICATIONS / RESOURCES

### DIRECTORY OF RESOURCES FOR MISSOURIANS WITH DISABILITIES

The Governor's Council on Disability publishes a variety of information on the Disability Web Portal, including the *Resource Directory for Missourians with Disabilities*. The online Directory allows each user to search for disability-related resources by category or location.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

During the legislative session, a weekly update - *Legislative Update* - was distributed to keep interested individuals up-to-date on legislation that potentially impacts individuals with disabilities. Over 1,000 individuals received the publication via email and the regular mail system in addition to the website.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The Governor's Council on Disability also disseminated a variety of other publications including the *Service Animals* booklet, and *accessible parking info "Tickets"*.

## AWARDS PROGRAMS

### ANNUAL INCLUSION AWARD

The Governor's Council on Disability's annual Inclusion Award program recognizes and honors a Missouri resident, organization or business that illustrates excellence in leadership for best inclusion practices. Innovative universal design and assistive technology concepts that incorporate people with disabilities also may be submitted. The Council's Programs Committee selects the winners of the Inclusion Awards, who are nominated by individuals or organizations in their communities.

The 2013 winners were honored at the annual Power Up Conference at Tan Tar A Resort in Osage Beach in April 2014.

The 2013 Inclusion Award Winner was **Deborah Baldini, University of Missouri St. Louis**



Deborah Baldini (left) accepts the 2013 Inclusion Award from Linda Baker

UMSL has emerged as a leader in fostering a culture of inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with the implementation of its SUCCEED program. UMSL has spent the last five years developing this program, utilizing the principles of universal design. SUCCEED is a post-secondary program that allows people with disabilities the opportunity to live on campus, while taking classes that help them focus on employment that matches their skills and interests, and experiencing internships with local employers. SUCCEED is the only residential post-secondary program in the State of Missouri at this time.

The **Honorable Mention for 2013** went to **Jeff and Andrea Cunningham, Melaina's Magical Playland.**

Jeff and Andrea Cunningham had a beautiful little girl named Melaina who was born with Nemaline Myopathy, who died from complications of her condition. Melaina has been the inspiration for the all inclusive, accessible playground that is now a reality in Cape Girardeau. The Cunninghams formed a not for profit organization that worked to raise the funds to build this inclusive playground. Throughout this 5 year process, the Cunninghams have educated the community about the needs and the importance of including individuals with disabilities in every aspect of their community. Adults and children of all abilities now have access to a playground where children with disabilities can play alongside their peers without disabilities, and adults with disabilities can play with their children.



Andrea and Jeff Cunningham and their daughter pose in front of Melaina's Magical Playland.



## AWARDS PROGRAMS

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For the 2014 Inclusion Award, the Governor's Council on Disability once again received a number of highly qualified nominations.

The **2014 Inclusion Award winner** is **Wayne Crawford**

**Wayne Crawford**, Executive Director of the non-profit Missouri Inclusive Housing Development Corporation, has been promoting livable environments for people with disabilities for many years. Wayne's mission is to bring awareness to communities and developers concerning the need for accessibility in housing. His organization provides support to individuals with disabilities as they search for a home that meets specific needs. He has worked closely with the Department of Mental Health and the Missouri DD Council to build accessible homes throughout Missouri.

In 2013, Wayne collaborated with several partners including the Governor's Council on Disability to lead a campaign among stakeholders to identify specific universal design criteria that would serve the disability and aging community, and fit with the practical aspects of affordable housing initiatives.

The **Honorable Mention for 2014** goes to **Mercy Hospital's Disability Inclusion Services**

**Mercy Hospital's Disability Inclusion Services** is an outstanding leader in promoting an inclusive work environment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through its Supported Employment program, Mercy currently employs 60 people with developmental disabilities (with a goal of 100 by 2016) in a wide range of jobs. Supported Employment at Mercy offers individuals with disabilities competitive wages, comparable benefits, accessible transportation, and career advancement opportunities.

The concept of inclusion is infused into the hospital's culture, which is demonstrated by their Disability Inclusion Training and annual celebrations of employment disability awareness. The success of Supported Employment led to the creation of Mercy's Volunteer Supports in March 2009. Volunteering at Mercy allows individuals with developmental disabilities the chance to learn new job skills, build their resume, socialize, and network within the Mercy community, and has led to volunteers receiving jobs elsewhere in the community.

Since 1999, the Supported Employment program has developed collaborations with the SB-40 funding boards and local nonprofits to implement a highly successful model for supported employment in the corporate sector.

Mercy opened a Learning and Development Center in January 2012, which provides assistive technology to Mercy employees and outside agencies that support people with disabilities. Mercy is a clear example of how inclusion works and makes for a stronger community.

For additional information, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/inclwin.htm>

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

In 2013, the Governor's Council on Disability initiated a program to award an annual Youth Leadership Award to recognize an outstanding Missouri youth (age 18-30) with a disability that has demonstrated exemplary leadership by making a difference in their community.



The 2013 **winner of the 1st Annual Youth Leadership Award** was Aaron Likens, a young man who was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome at the age of 20. Prior to that, he had a lifelong dream of becoming a NASCAR driver, and as a child he would state that "to race is Plan A, there is no Plan B". After receiving his diagnosis and finding his way to his career of being an Autism Ambassador for Easter Seals Life Skills, Aaron found a new Plan A and that was to spread the word about hope and help about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). He is an accomplished speaker, having led presentations to more than 37,000 people in Missouri over the last 3 ½ years.



The **2014 Youth Leadership Award** winner is **Claire Solomon**.

Claire Solomon, an alumni of the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, is the winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Award. Claire takes her knowledge of leadership skills and applies them to everyday life. While she was still in high school, she provided presentations on invisible disabilities to her peers. She exemplifies the spirit of giving back to her community and demonstrates her willingness to take the initiative in being active in her community by taking part in the St. Louis Arc's Neighborhood Experiences project, the Paraquad Youth Group, and Variety's Bike for Kids Program. Currently, she is an art student at Missouri State University and continues to go out of her way to become active on her campus by participating in the Maroon Madness, a dance marathon, and volunteering at the Turner center, assisting other young people with their art.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/youthleadershipaward.htm>

The awards for 2014 will be presented at the 2015 Power Up Assistive Technology conference at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia on April 14, 2015.

## LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION PROJECT

The purpose of the Legislative Education Project (LEP) is to educate individuals about the Missouri legislative process and motivate individuals by providing opportunities to become actively involved in public policy that impacts people with disabilities. The LEP is sponsored annually during the legislative session in a collaboration between the Governor's Council on Disability and the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC).

In 2014, the Governor's Council on Disability offered three LEP webcast training sessions and four conference calls to individuals and agencies. A total of 34 participants attended the LEP webcasts and conference calls during the 2014 legislative session from their homes or local provider agencies. Additionally, 11 of these individuals attended the LEP training program, held between February and April at the state capitol. Participants were given an overview of the legislative process and a list of bills that would have an impact on individuals with disabilities. Participants were then encouraged to visit with senators and representatives and their legislative staff to discuss their concerns and voice their opinions. Attendees were also strongly encouraged to attend any hearings that took place while they were in Jefferson City. Individuals left the capitol with a new confidence in getting their voice heard both in Jefferson City and in their home districts.

The Governor's Council on Disability annually conducts a **Legislative Priority Survey** to determine the top legislative priorities among people with disabilities. The survey is sent out to agencies and individuals. Based on the 327 returned surveys, the Governor's Council on Disability will be following these top legislative priorities during the 2015 legislative session:

- Maintaining the helmet law requirement for all riders and drivers of motorcycles
- Providing a tax credit to small businesses who employ someone with a disability
- Increasing the asset limit for individuals and couples to qualify for MO HealthNet
- Expanding MO HealthNet eligibility to 138% of the federal poverty level
- Requiring a photo ID to obtain or continue to use food stamps

GCD will continue to advocate for people with disabilities in the 2015 legislative session. GCD staff will be examining pre-filed bills that relate to disability and analyzing their impact on the disability community.



## MISSOURI YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM



The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (Forum) was held July 20—23, 2014 at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Seventeen (17) youth-delegates participated in the four-day event, which is a leadership and career development skills training for high school juniors and seniors with disabilities. By serving as delegates from their communities, young people with disabilities cultivated leadership, citizenship, employment and social skills.

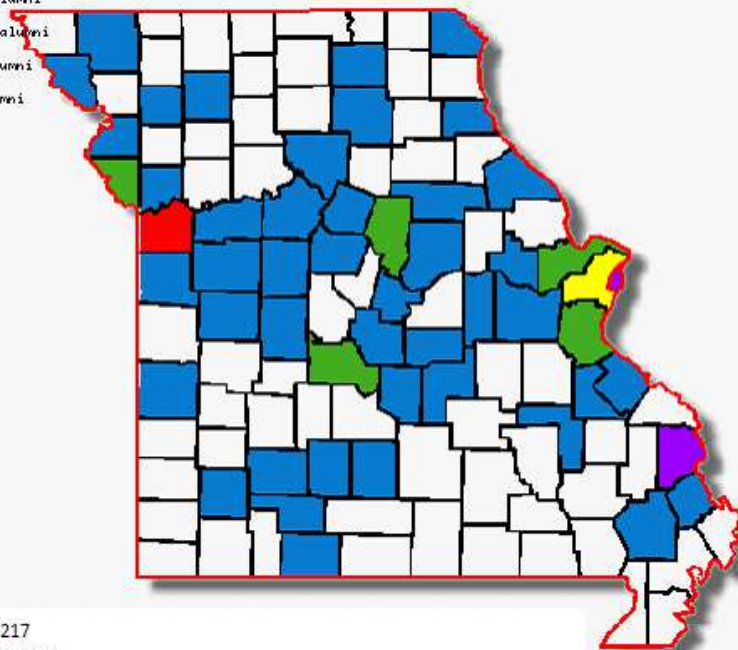
Activities included keynote speakers, small group discussions, a community service project, assistive technology demonstrations, career exploration, a mentoring luncheon, and a day at the State Capitol in Jefferson City to meet with legislators.



As part of the training, students participated in a mock legislative session at the capitol, where the delegates and staff had the opportunity to visit the House and Senate Chambers, learn about the legislative process and discuss disability-related legislation with Representatives and Senators from several districts. After the mock legislative sessions with the legislators, the delegates toured the Governor's office.

### Missouri Youth Leadership Forum – Alumni by Counties

- - < 5 alumni
- - 5 - 10 alumni
- - 11 - 20 alumni
- - 21-30 alumni
- - > 30 alumni



#### NOTES:

Total alumni: 217  
Average: 18 per year  
Lowest #: 9 alumni (2004) Highest #: 24 alumni (2008, 2013)

The counties displayed on the map include the following:

#### **Group I (less than 5 alumni):**

Adair, Audrain, Benton, Buchanan, Callaway, Cass, Chariton, Christian, Clark, Clay, Cole, Cooper, Daviess, DeKalb, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Henry, Holt, Howard, Iron, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, Macon, Maries, Marion, Miller, Nodaway, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, Saline, Scott, Stoddard, Taney, Vernon, Warren, Webster, Wright

#### **Group II (5 – 10 alumni):**

Boone, Camden, Jefferson, Platte, St. Charles

#### **Group III (11 – 20 alumni):**

Cape Girardeau, St. Louis City

#### **Group IV (21 – 30 alumni):**

Jackson County

#### **Group V (more than 30 alumni):**

St. Louis County (56)



The total no. of counties represented since the inception of the program is **51**, plus the City of St. Louis. Total number of alumni attending the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum from 2001 – 2014: **217**

Outcomes of the Forum are:

- The Forum partnered with the Missouri Assistive Technology Council to incorporate iPads as part of the delegates' learning experience. The delegates learned new technology and presentation skills by using the iPads.
- Seventeen (17) delegates attended in 2014, representing the different geographical areas in Missouri.
- Sixteen (16) alumni attended the 2014 Forum as facilitators and team members.
- The delegates and alumni participated in a community service project to help others in need.
- Many alumni are pursuing post-secondary education with a few pursuing a graduate degree.
- Several have graduated from college and a few have received a graduate degree.
- Two alumni graduated from law school.
- One alumnus has been appointed to the Governor's Council on Disability.
- One alumnus has been appointed to the St. Louis County Commission on Disabilities.
- Several alumni are now presenting disability information in their schools and to their peers.
- The MYLIFE Alumni Association has been established with Forum alumni serving as officers.
- The MYLIFE Alumni Association has held several events throughout the year to reconnect alumni and promote active involvement in planning the 2015 Missouri Youth Leadership Forum.

The 2015 Forum will be held at University of Missouri in Columbia from July 26-30, 2015.

## EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

GCD continues to provide support to the Business Leadership Network (BLN) which is an employer driven endeavor to promote best practices in disability employment. In Missouri, there are two regional locations: 1) St. Louis region—Missouri Business Leadership Network (MOBLN)—that covers Greater St. Louis region and eight of the Southern Illinois counties; and 2) Kansas City region—Greater Kansas City BLN (GKCBLN)—which covers the western Missouri and eastern Kansas area.

The GKCBLN hired a new executive director, Rob Hoffman. During National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October, GKCBLN hosted its annual Champion luncheon honoring Kansas City employers who are making their workforce inclusive of people with disabilities. GKCBLN is partnering with the University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC) for a new grant initiative called "Add us in", which focuses on getting people with disabilities prepared for the workforce and employers learning how to become more inclusive.

MOBLN joined the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) in hosting a seminar with guest speaker Jill Houghton, USBLN Executive Director, who spoke about invisible disabilities and shared some innovative tools to promote inclusiveness in the workforce.



## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The Governor's Council on Disability participated in numerous outreach activities throughout the year to promote disability awareness and inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of life. Some of the highlights were:

- GCD continues to update the Missouri Disability Web Portal, which serves as a one-stop access point for the public to obtain information on disability resources. The homepage of this portal offers links to other entities and state agencies that provide services to people with disabilities. Resources are listed in different categories such as Employment, Housing, Education, and Transportation to make it easier for individuals to find the information they are looking for. Our office received inquiries regarding our website content from individuals nationwide. In 2014, the Disability Web Portal had over 72,000 page views. The Missouri Disability Web Portal can be accessed at <http://disability.mo.gov>.
- GCD has a Facebook page reaching a growing fan base with 10,400 views in 2014.
- During Disability History Month in October, GCD featured disability history month events, resources, and information on the Disability Web Portal, and an informational display in the Truman Building in Jefferson City about Disability History Month and National Disability Employment Awareness Month. A poll on the State of Missouri's homepage showed that several organizations hosted ability awareness or disability mentoring events in their communities and schools included disability history in their lesson plans.
- GCD provided exhibit booths at the following conferences throughout the year:
  - ⇒ DEAF, Inc. Winterfest, St. Louis
  - ⇒ Disability Mentoring Day, Kansas City
  - ⇒ High School Transition Fairs in:
    - ⇒ Barry and Lawrence Counties
    - ⇒ Confluence Charter School, St. Louis
    - ⇒ Hillsboro
    - ⇒ Independence
    - ⇒ Joplin
    - ⇒ Lake Area Transition Network, Osage Beach
    - ⇒ St. Louis Public Schools
    - ⇒ St. Louis Special School District
  - ⇒ Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS), Lake Ozark
  - ⇒ Missouri Housing Summit, Lake Ozark
  - ⇒ Pathway to Public Office, St. Louis
  - ⇒ Power Up, Columbia
  - ⇒ Real Voices, Real Choices Consumer Conference, Osage Beach
  - ⇒ Services Fair, Jefferson City
  - ⇒ TASH, St. Louis





## BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

As part of the Governor's Council on Disability's advisory capacity function, staff and Council members serve on a variety of boards and commissions to promote opportunities in all aspects of life, including employment, transportation, recreation, and housing. The following is a list of those boards and commissions in which staff and Council members served in calendar year 2014.

Aging and Disability Coalition, St. Joseph  
Alliance for Full Participation, Columbia  
American Association of People with Disabilities, Kansas City  
AYLF (Association of Youth Leadership Associations), Nationwide  
Brain Injury Association of Missouri, St. Louis  
Community Transition Teams, Statewide  
Disability Mentoring Day Planning Committee, Statewide  
DMH's Healthy Living Transition Initiative, Statewide  
Down Syndrome Association of St. Louis  
East-West Gateway Council of Governments, St. Louis  
Employment First Initiative, Statewide  
Giant Steps of St. Louis  
Independent Living Resource Center Board, Jefferson City  
Interagency Task Force on Emergency Preparedness, Statewide  
Jefferson City Accessibility Group  
Lake Transition Network, Lake Ozark  
Missouri Interagency Transition Team, Statewide  
Missouri Lifespan Respite Coalition  
Missouri UD Initiative  
Money Follows the Person Stakeholders Group, Jefferson City  
MO Youth Leadership Forum Advisory Council, Jefferson City  
MYLIFE Alumni Association  
National Association of Governors' Committees on People with Disabilities  
Rehabilitation Services Administration, Columbia  
State Rehabilitation Council, Statewide  
St. Louis City Advisory Council, St. Louis  
St. Louis County Commission on Disabilities, St. Louis  
St. Louis Transitional Council, St. Louis  
State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies, Columbia  
Statewide Emergency Management Planning Teams, Statewide  
Statewide Independent Living Council, Jefferson City  
VSA, Statewide



## 2015 MEETING AND EVENT DATES

### GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

February 9, 2015\*

April 24, 2015\*\*

September 18, 2015\*

November 6, 2015\*\*

The Council meetings are scheduled to begin at 10 AM.

\* Face-to-face meetings will be held at the  
Governor's Office Building  
200 Madison Street, Room 315

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